

CONSOLIDATED HIGHEST IN YEAR AND A HALF

Touch 77 1-2 on the London Market—In 1912 They Reached 79 7-32.

AMERICANS OPEN HIGHER

Decline on Profit Taking—German Bank Rate May Drop To-day.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The advance of commodity by 1 to 77 1-2 during the day was the centre of interest in the market. This is a new record for about a year and a half. The high in 1912 was 79 7-32. The closing was 14 below the high, showing a net gain of 14 for the day.

There was a slowing down of activity in investment and speculative markets today. Gold edged investments were wanted but general prices were somewhat lower. Paris was a seller here and there was profit taking locally.

Mexicans were adversely affected by the raising of the embargo on arms. Venetians were weak on the revolutionary issues there. Home rails were slack. Foreigners were quiet. Metal strength and copper were higher. Rio Tinto closed at an advance of 5.

Parsons were higher all through the day at the opening. Profit taking was evident later and the last closed fractionally lower than the early prices.

The Bank of Germany is expected to reduce its discount rate 1% of 1 per cent to 4 per cent, to-morrow. The Bank of Austria-Hungary reduced its rate from 5 to 4% per cent, to-day.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Rates at 87 francs 14 centimes were 32½ centimes higher yesterday. The general market was steady.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—A good tone prevailed in the market to-day.

MONEY IN NEW YORK

MONEY RATES VERY EASY—FOREIGN EXCHANGE STRONG.

The easy tendency displayed by the money rates this week developed into actual reductions in rates. The market was moderately lower, especially 4 months, which was off 1 per cent. Banks had \$142,000 to the Subsidy, raising it to \$143,000. Premiums \$12,000.

Commercial paper moved in light volume.

Bank of France 1 per cent for six days definitely bills receivable and for best for six months' names.

Commercial paper of New York, Boston, San Paul, St. Louis—no premium. St. Louis—20¢ premium. San Francisco—50¢ premium. San Jose—15¢ premium. Chicago—25¢ premium.

Sterling exchange was strong. Rates were 5½ for six days, 5½ for one month, 5½ for two months, 5½ for four months, 5½ for six months, 5½ for eight months, 5½ for one year.

Money in London—10½ per cent; short 11½—12 per cent; three months 12½—13 per cent; six months 13½—14 per cent; one year 14—15 per cent.

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